

Meeting Date: May 16-17-18, 2007

Agenda Item No. 20

Agenda Item: 2008-2009 Fishing Rules Development
Timeline

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

Prepared by:

Background: Every two years, the Commission establishes the general fishing rules. The Fisheries Bureau is now beginning the process of reviewing rule modifications to be considered for 2006 and 2007. At this time, the Bureau will provide the Commission with proposed time lines for the 2007 review process. Additionally, in providing this information to the Commission, it will provide the Commission the opportunity to request that the Fisheries Bureau review specific portions on the fishing rules.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues: Sections 36-104(b) and 36-901 authorize the Commission to adopt rules concerning fishing, methods of take, seasons, and possession limits. Fishing rules are IDAPA 13.01.11 and Fishing Contests are IDAPA 13.01.05.

Public Involvement Process: Currently the regions are beginning public scoping of any potential rule modifications with open houses and local meetings along with any personal communications that the Department receives. After this information is compiled and evaluated, rule modification proposals will be presented to the Commission for public review. This review process will occur during July into September. Final public input will be received at the Commission public meeting on November 7, 2007 prior to the Commission establishing fishing rules for 2008-2009.

Staff Recommendation: Information item, no action required at this time.

Justification: Continuation of rule making process for the 2008-2009 Idaho sport fishing rules.